

**MINUTES
OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL
AND THE EDINA SCHOOL BOARD
HELD AT CITY HALL
AUGUST 15, 2011
5:35 P.M.**

Mayor Pro Tem Swenson called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. in the Community Room of City Hall. Answering rollcall were Members Bennett, Brindle, Sprague, and Mayor Pro Tem Swenson. Mayor Hovland was absent.

Edina School Board attending the meeting included: School Board Members Idith Almog, Cathy Cella, Bert Ledder, Randy Meyer, Regina Neville, Peyton Robb and Lonni Skrentner.

Edina School District Staff attending the meeting included: Steve Buettner, Director of Media & Technology Services; Ric Dressen, Superintendent of Edina Public Schools; and Margo Nash, Director of Business Services.

Edina City Staff attending the meeting included: Ann Kattreh, Edinborough Park Manager; John Keprios, Director of Parks & Recreation; Karen Kurt, Assistant City Manager; Debra Mangen, City Clerk; and Scott Neal, City Manager.

Superintendent Dressen and Manager Neal each gave brief presentations on the Decision Resources surveys independently conducted for the School District and the City. The Board and Council discussed the results which were very positive. They expressed a desire for collaboration between the entities to sustain the high level of satisfaction of Edina citizens.

Manager Neal noted the update on the covered athletic field proposed by some residents. He explained that a subcommittee of the Edina Park Board had been formed that would be led by Edinborough Park Manager, Ann Kattreh. Mr. Neal said staff was developing an analysis of existing amenities and their usage. He reported the Task Force would finish its work and report by year end.

Manager Neal reviewed: the request of Simon Properties regarding economic assistance for Southdale Center; the expanded presence of Mankato State University in Edina; and the work being done on the City's 2012 Operating Budget. Mr. Neal noted the City would be developing a two-year budget beginning in 2012.

Superintendent Dressen related the impacts felt by School Districts with the funding shifts and delays enacted by the legislature. He outlined the proposed addition to South View Middle School and talked about: Edina Student Life and Unite Edina.

The Council and Board talked about the following topics affecting both the District and the City: bus garage repairs, IT collaboration, the District's potential purchase of a used front-end loader from the City and future joint training opportunities.

Mayor Pro Tem Swenson adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, September 6, 2011
